

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

A transmitting apparatus for transmitting a hierarchical structure of a directory for hierarchically managing locations of contents data is disclosed, that ~~comprises~~ includes a managing ~~means~~ unit for managing a hierarchical structure of a directory composed of a container entry and a leaf entry, a container entry containing information in the immediately lower hierarchical level thereof, a leaf entry being disposed in the immediately lower hierarchical level of a container entry, a leaf entry not containing information in the immediately lower hierarchical level thereof, a detecting ~~means~~ unit for detecting a change of the hierarchical structure of the directory managed by the managing ~~means~~ unit and obtaining position information and identification information corresponding to the detected result, the position information representing the position of a container entry in the hierarchical structure of the directory, the identification information identifying a leaf entry corresponding to the hierarchical structure of the directory, and a transmitting ~~means~~ unit for transmitting the position information and the identification information.